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PATENT
Docket No. 655.00809

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Henry Lukas et al.

Serial No. 09/678,990

Filed: October 4, 2000



) LATENT HEAT STORAGE DEVICE

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) Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) In a latent heat storage device including a salt case, inlet and outlet conduits extending to the interior of the salt case, at least one tube within the salt case and having a plurality of straight parallel runs defining a matrix with an exterior, and a phase change material sealed within said at least one tube, the improvement wherein the runs are laid out in an equilateral polygonal pattern with each run inwardly of said matrix exterior abutting a plurality of

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